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SUBJECT: COCOA; RESULTS OF LONDON PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF COCOA ORGANIZATION MET IN LONDON JUNE 20-29 TH. MAJOR PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO AGREE ON ECONOMIC AND CONTROL RULES COVERING OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT IN ADVANCE FIRST COUNCIL SESSION SCHEDULED GENEVA JULY 30 - AUGUST 17 TH.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MAJOR CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WAS QUESTION OF TREATMENT COCOA IMPORTED INTO MEMBER COUNTRIES FROM NON- MEMBERS. THIS WAS EVENTUALLY SETTLED BY COMPROMISE, ALLOWING FLEXIBILITY IN DETERMINING ORIGIN SUCH SHIPMENTS.

3. MORE SIGNIFICANT QUESTION WAS WHETHER AGREEMENT WOULD ENTER INTO FORCE AUTOMATICALLY ON JUNE 30 TH. AT BEGINNING OF SESSION, BRITAIN ANNOUNCED ITS DEPOSIT
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OF INSTRUMENT PROVISIONAL ACCESSION, BUT NONE OF ITS
OTHER EC PARTNERS DID SO UNTIL LAST FEW DAYS. AS CON-
SEQUENCE LAST FEW DAYS OF MEETING WERE DOMINATED BY
QUESTION OF ENTRY INTO FORCE, WITH MEMBERS WHO HAD NOT
YET DEPOSITED INSTRUMENTS URGED DO SO IMMEDIATELY.
WE UNDERSTAND THESE EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL AND AGREEMENT
DID ENTER INTO FORCE ON JUNE 30.

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